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## EDITORIAL COMMENT.

SOME good, western or southern democrat has a mighty fine lay-out to go "Over the Hill to the White House."

BEFORE another year rolls around, a democratic president will be inaugurated; and then—well then this country will once more be started right.

THE Territorial Irrigation Convention, to be held at Las Vegas, N. M., on March 16, 17, and 18th, should be attended by representatives from every western county in Kansas.

OMAHA gets the peoples party national convention. Kansas and Nebraska will be there; but how about the other states of the Union? It is our belief that Kansas and Nebraska are about the only two states the peoples party are anywhere sure of carrying for their presidential ticket.

THE state democratic central committee and the members of the Kansas democratic press, in session at Leavenworth last Friday, were the most enthusiastic and determined set of men we have met for many a day. They mean business from the word go, and the word is already given.

THE Toledo Blade, one of the strongest republican papers published says: "The circulation of the democratic newspapers exceeds the circulation of the republican by 300,000,000 copies a year." This is a high compliment and shows that the intelligence of the country is in the democratic party.

THE seven wonders of America are as follows: Niagara Falls, Yellowstone Park, Mammoth Cave, the Canyons and Gardens of the Gods, Colorado; the giant trees, California; the natural bridge, Virginia, and the Yosemite Valley.—Evening News.

WHAT's the matter with Morg's mouth and his hunger for office being counted in and make it nine?

IT is noticeable that the "keep in the middle of the road" fellows in the peoples party are the men who are either in office through the alliance party, or hope to get there by the same route. The practical, soberthinking element of our farmers recognize that success of principle is better than perpetuation of dogma, and are disposed to unite all elements that are opposing a common enemy.

THE Democrats Can Win. If democrats will be genuine democrats factional strife will be prevented. An united democracy means democratic victory. The republicans cannot win the presidency from the democrats for the very simple reason they haven't got enough votes. Since 1876 there has been more democrats than republicans in this country.

THE democrats have come to have such a majority that now the states in which the democrats out-number the republicans cast a majority of the electoral college. If the democrats will do their whole duty next fall the entire governmental machinery will be in democratic hands. The way to perform this duty is to begin right now. Divided democracy must be united. Where is there a better opportunity than in your local contests? There is no room for dissension or revolt, and the election may be lost by indifference. Never by a wide awake campaign on the part of a whole and aggressive democracy such as is now being awakened throughout the country.

HARMONY is now the only thing needed to absolutely insure democratic success. As a democrat it is your duty to work for that end, and make sacrifices if necessary. It is your duty to assist in sending to the national convention men as delegates who will select as democratic standard-bearers, men who will unite the factions, wipe out strife and solidify the whole democratic vote. By doing your work in this manner, each democrat will help to make victory in November a foregone conclusion from the moment such measures are inaugurated.—Larned Opie.

## Another Republican Converted.

Colonel Jones, of "buffalo" notoriety who formerly lived in Garden City and who was one of the most rampant of protectionists, is now a resident of Kearney, Neb. He recently returned from a visit to England and the result was a complete conversion to tariff reform.

Colonel Jones says that his eyes have lately been opened on the tariff question and he intends to vote and work hereafter according to what he believes to be the best interests of the people, regardless of politics. "I always was a liberal republican on the tariff," he said, "and now I am for tariff reform against everything else. I was in England last October and from the time I touched the ship until I reached America again I was more impressed every day with the iniquity of the tariff laws. Since the McKinley bill went into effect the steamship charges on produce carried from America have almost doubled. Wheat that was formerly carried over to England for 5 cents per bushel now costs

11 cents. I could mention 100 things of the same sort. Why is it? I asked a ship captain that question and he said that it was because ships had to come back to America almost empty now and that the things exported consequently had to pay double. See this suit of clothes? It would cost here not less than \$50. I got it made to order in London for \$11.81. I am against high tariff and if the republicans do not announce a mighty strong tariff reform or at least a reciprocity platform, I, for one, shall not vote with the party. I shall not vote for Harrison anyway, and I'll tell you it will be utterly impossible for him to carry either Nebraska or Colorado. The eastern manufacturer has been reaping the benefit of the western man's work long enough. It is time for us to put a stop to it."—Holton Signal.

## WOMAN VS. WOMAN.

Last year Thomas H. Jones, a popular young citizen of Lawrence, was sent to the penitentiary under the "age of consent" act. A few days ago he was pardoned out, mainly through the instrumentality of the W. C. T. U.

Woman's greatest enemy is woman. Specific information relative to the above case is not at hand, neither is it necessary in order that an intelligent opinion may be formed. Suffice it that the victim of Jones' insensate lust is a young girl, yet in her teens, such an one as our state has deemed it to the best interest of society to have the strong arm of the law thrown about as a protection against the lascivious designs of rakes of the Jones stripe. The design of the law is to promote and preserve the purity of womanhood; yet the maudlin sentimentality of the members of an alleged christian society has conspired to render the law ineffective, and have succeeded, in at least one case. As a fitting finale, and that the jewel of consistency may be theirs, they must each admit the moral leper to their homes; and, if they are mothers, they must subject their daughters, who are presumably spotless as yet, to the contaminating influence of the polluted sound.

These pious women are shocked beyond expression at the heinous criminality of the rum fiend who is persuaded into taking the chances of letting some thirsty individual have a bit of wine for the "stomach's sake," notwithstanding that the victim (?) of the rum seller's base conduct (as is usually the case) is a man of mature years, intellectually and physically strong and competent to judge for himself whether he should or should assume an individual responsibility as to the consequences. That man too has probably hunted the town over, has mayhap perjured himself at the "druggist's," has disgraced and stultified himself at the jointist's; has voluntarily subjected himself to these degrading influences, yet according to these good women the vender is guilty of placing temptation in the way of this strong man. The law has been violated and all the moral influence of community is brought to bear against "the destroyer of the home and freeds" and the inevitable conviction is had; the maximum penalty of the law is assessed and loud hosannas are heard as the transgressor is hustled off to a dungeon.

A coterminous transgressor of the law appears upon the scene. The enormity of his crime as compared to the other is as the mountain to the molehill. He is worse than a murderer; he has not only destroyed a "home" on earth but for one soul at least, according to the belief of these christian women, he has destroyed the "heavenly home" of one of their own sex—and the soul of a young girl has been consigned to perdition through his base instrumentality. Another trial is had; a jury of men adjudge him guilty under the "age of consent" act. Do these christian women send up another hosanna? Do they herald the news to the world that the law has been invoked and the inhuman wretch who has robbed a young girl of that which is dearer to her than life itself will receive punishment as nearly commensurate with the crime as human laws can adjust such things? No. But they immediately start a petition for signatures asking the governor to pardon the convict. They ask the mothers of young girls to sign it, and at least enough of them do so to wield the requisite influence and the pardon is granted. Presumably the unpunished criminal is admitted to their several homes, but what of his victim? She is ostracized by society; is shunned on the street; is spurned by these "I-am-holier-than-thou" persons of her own sex, until she is driven to the lowest depths of degradation. These women have announced to the world by their action that the estimate they place upon such an act, is, in effect, that the young man who violates the chastity of a young girl was "just sowing his wild oats, dear boy," but the confiding victim of his brutal lust has committed the unpardonable sin.—Newton Journal.

KANSAS is the only state that has three Keeley institutes. But then Kansas is a prohibition state.—Lawrence Gazette.

## NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS.

ELLINWOOD.

From the Advocate. The Hill boom will be old enough to be placed on the retired list by June 21.

Progressive high-five has struck this city quite vigorously, and progressive high-five parties are getting to be all the rage.

Miss Alice Wood one of Great Bend's handsome young ladies was in this city several days last week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Doherty.

The Citizen's bank has had such a large business they have found it necessary to put in a second safe, to be used exclusively for books.

From the looks of the pile of stone that are being piled in different parts of the city, somebody must be contemplating doing some building soon.

Spring is surely open this time for good, as ground squirrels have made their appearance and they seldom ever venture out until the weather has opened up permanently.

It takes longer to learn economy than it does to learn a trade, but when learned it is the most consoling science in existence. No matter how much or how little money its devotee may have to spend.

Ellinwood is making arrangements to organize a base ball nine. We have some of the best players in this part of the state and with a little practice they will be able to vanquish any team that may desire to stand up before them. Whenever we have had a nine heretofore they have always been the champions of this part of the country. Go ahead boys.

PAWNEE ROCK.

From the Leader. Sherman Mosberger moved into the house lately purchased by him, this week.

Geo. Daniels is once more a citizen of Pawnee Rock, having moved back this week.

Changeable weather, this. One day warm, next cold, then a rain and later snow, then warm again.

Thomas Dent, of Nickerson, was up on Tuesday, shaking hands with his many old friends.

The meadow larks are hymning their tuneful rhyme, and telling us in language sweet and low, that spring will soon be here in all of its rich beauties.

The K. of P. Lodge held a special election last Saturday evening to elect men to fill vacancies. E. Smith was elected C. C. in place of F. S. Porter, resigned; N. P. Smith, V. C. in place of E. Smith, resigned; W. T. Warner, M. A., in place of P. H. Willis, resigned.

We failed to make mention of the Pawnee Rock bridge suit last week. The trial came off in St. John the week before, and the verdict was in favor of Lincoln and Douglas townships. The Judge ruled that neither of the three townships would have to keep up the repairs on the bridge. The question now comes up, who will keep them up? The bridge is in Pawnee county, but she likewise, is not called upon to keep up any repairs on it.

Back again! Yes, they will return to their old love. This time it is Mr. Frank Wiske's family. Frank left us about four years ago, and since then has been down in the strip on rented land. We met him on Monday as he got off the train, and from the looks of his eyes, we judged he was right glad to get back, in fact he so expressed himself in very emphatic language. He will for the present, move on to Pete Schammahorn place, four miles north-east.

HOISINGTON.

From the Dispatch. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bagley on Tuesday, March 1st.

J. H. Bitner and John Southern were made Knights at the Pythian hall Monday night.

The farmers are burning all the trash about their places in order to rid themselves of the straw worm.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen will give a grand ball in the new Moses building on Thursday night, March 10th.

John Tyner is having an addition of 25x44 feet, two stories high, built of stone, added to the north end of his hotel. The increasing business of the house demands more room.

D. M. Southwick returned from Dwight, Illinois, Saturday night, having graduated at the Keeley institute. Dan feels like a new man and is loud in praise of the successful treatment being given there.

A team belonging to D. W. Linder was stolen from near the Methodist church last Sunday night. Charlie and Bessie Linder were in to church in a buggy and when they went to go home they discovered that the team was gone. At first it was thought that they had broken loose but after searching that night and part of the next day it was decided that the team had been stolen. Suspicion rests upon a man about 25

years old who stopped at Jacob Dell's, north of town, Sunday, and who acted in rather a suspicious manner. He was seen in Hoisington about 7 o'clock Sunday evening since which time he has not been seen or heard of. The team stolen was a good one, and quite a loss. A reward of \$50 has been offered for the capture of the thief and return of the property.

CLAFLIN.

From the Banner. Farmers in this vicinity are beginning to plow for spring crops. The ground is in excellent condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steiner are the proud parents of a bouncing big boy which was born to them Sunday.

Our streets have been crowded this week with farmers' teams, and business has been considerably better than heretofore.

The farmers of this vicinity are all burning their straw and stubble fields in order to destroy the wheat worm. This we think, is a good idea.

Farmers are beginning to look around for harvest hands, which they find are more scarce this spring than they were last season, and if nothing happens to the growing crop wages will be equally as high.

Somebody faked a keg of b—; no, no, we mean the prohibited essence of hop, from the depot platform one evening last week, and quenched their thirst at the expense of the Mo. P. railway company.

The exhibition and ball given by the German school of this city Monday evening was away up affair. A good crowd was in attendance, and after the literary exercises were over the light fantastic toe was shaken until an early hour the following morning.

It may be a little early, but nevertheless, it would be a good time for the officers of the Old Settlers' Association of Barton county to begin to make preparation for the reunion in May next. They should not wait until all the public speakers are engaged for decoration day exercises at other places. Let us make it a re-union of interest to all.

Quite a scandal is reported to have taken place in this vicinity recently, the nature of which has just leaked out. A "cullaged gen'men" and a German girl are the principal parties in the affair at present, but the prospects of a third party being taken in, are now exceedingly good. One of the parties of the first part, however, has vacated the scenes of his wickedness, and betook himself to pastures new and parts unknown, leaving the other party of the first part and the party of the third part to trudge along through this cold and unfriendly world unloved and alone. It is another case of not wisely but too well done.

DUBUQUE DOINGS.

From "Lav. Remark." Plowing is the order of the day.

Valentine Kramer visited Great Bend last week to look after some legal papers.

A fine boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. V. Kramer, of near Dubuque, on the 12th of February.

Wheat around Dubuque is all in splendid condition; the very latest sown is almost as good as the earlier sown.

The John Dolecek wedding, on the 16th of February, at the Dubuque church, was largely attended and a big time had. Father Emerich was the officiating clergyman.

Since the DEMOCRAT called attention to the straw-worms, or bugs, burning straw stacks can be seen on every hand, and all straw that is not positively needed for feed, should be burned immediately.

HOISINGTON.

From "Kate." Wheat looks fine in this locality.

Farmers are plowing and preparing to put in crops.

Silas Speck visited the Bend last week on business.

A. M. Mitchell will close his school (in adjoining district to this) next Saturday. He will then go to his farm near Garden City.

Miss Argenta Schwartz, who has been dangerously ill with inflammatory rheumatism, all winter, is now able to attend school again.

Mr. Whipple returned from Greenwood county this week, where he had been attending to business on his farm. He has moved his family to this county on account of his wife's health.

ALBERT.

From "Spunk." No church last Sunday on account of the storm.

The livery stable has been moved onto Main street.

Miss Ella Day has again taken charge of her school, No. 6.

A blind lady from LaCrosse gave an entertainment at this place Wednesday evening of last week.

Mrs. Freeman and daughters left this week for Vermillion, S. D., where Mrs. F. goes in quest of health.

The snow of Saturday night has dis-

solved mother earth into such a mess one shrinks from stepping on her as long as there is a board in sight.

On account of the bad night there was not a very large crowd at the oyster supper last Friday night, given by the Ladies' Aid Society. Charlie Haase took the cake, but the other fellow got the girl.

Fred Teten has sold his property to Jos. Sattler, of Rush county. Fred will go to Nebraska for a short visit to relatives and from there to California, where he will make his future home. May success attend him.

OLMITZ.

From "Olmittian." School closes this week.

Frank Juttner made a trip to Great Bend Tuesday.

Wm. Bueker Jr., of Galatia, was in Olmitz, Monday.

A. H. Baker of Hoisington, was in our city this week.

H. R. Baker, of Great Bend, is visiting his brother at this place.

The lyceum at the Boyle school house has adjourned for the season.

We understand the "cyclone" boys will give an entertainment at Olmitz in the near future.

G. P. Kline, one of Larned's popular attorney's, passed through here Sunday evening on his way to Otis to attend to a case which he has at that place.

DISTRICT NO. 40.

From "Vida." Charlie Baird is on the sick list.

Mrs. I. W. Johnson is quite sick.

John Rhoades made a trip to Pawnee Rock one day last week.

There will be a "magic lantern" exhibition at No. 40, March 19th.

A. M. Button went to Wichita last Saturday, to be gone some time.

Clarence Jones was visiting friends in Clarence last Saturday and Sunday.

The heaviest rainfall of the season fell last Friday and Saturday, which terminated in a snow storm.

Andy Bird, who has been visiting in Virginia the past winter, returned last Saturday, bringing with him a bride.

Last Friday will long be remembered by the people of No. 40 and vicinity. Notwithstanding the unpleasant weather the school house was crowded. A very interesting program was rendered by the school children, after which Mr. Bruce, in his usual pleasant manner, auctioned off the proceeds of which amounted to fifty dollars. After partaking of supper all departed, wishing each other many such merry times in the future.

SOME WORDS OF WARNING.

I deem it of the utmost importance to draw the attention of the farmers of Kansas to the increasing fall of rain and moisture, which has set in since the beginning of the year. I am confident that a good many of them have pondered and wondered about this strange phenomena, and I will try, as far as my capacity goes, to give reasons and suggestions, as I believe, and those who shall live will see, that this year and all the coming ones, will bring us more rain and moisture than we ever had in our state.

The reason that rain and moisture is and will be more abundant everywhere on this earth, is that the constellation of the ruling planets (Sun, Earth, Moon, Venus, Jupiter, etc.) are such that the formation of vapor is predominant and, beginning with this year, a series of wet years will commence and the down-fall everywhere will be so steady and heavy that it will change the low lands of the earth into swampy, not habitable and not cultivatable places. The scientific explanation of these constellations cannot be given in a short newspaper article, suffice to say, time will confirm my assertions. Rudolf Fall, a German astronomer, considers March 23 and April 26 of this year, the most critical days of the century. Under critical days, he understands that on such days outbreaks of volcanoes, fire damp in mines, heavy storms and floods on land and sea are most liable to happen.

Watch these days! When these rains continue, and we are satisfied they have commenced, what will be the consequences for the farmers of Kansas? Happily we all know that Kansas is favored by a situation which could not be better. We are situated more than 1,000 feet above the level of the seas, our country is well drained by streams and rivers, and our soil is mostly very porous and a good water holder; but, notwithstanding, we must be prepared to keep the water off our lands, keep our roads dry, and for this very purpose I suggest that as soon as outdoor work is possible, all available teams and men be put to make deep ditches along the roads and make drainage wherever it may be necessary. I am confident that such work will be beneficial to the communities where it is undertaken and I hope that such labors will be repaid by a blessed and abundant harvest and that we may then be able to help our unfortunate brethren.

CARL VOIGT.

Ellinwood, Kans., March 7, 1892.

## TOWNSHIP ASSESSORS MEETING.

The township assessors of Barton county met at the office of the county clerk, Monday, March 7th. Eighteen assessors were present. C. D. Montgomery was made chairman and T. O. Cole secretary.

On motion the following basis of assessment was decided upon:

Township.	REAL ESTATE.	Per acre
Cleveland	.....	\$2 00
Beaver	.....	2 00
Union	.....	2 00
Wheatland	.....	2 00
Fairview	.....	2 00
Grant	.....	1 75
Albion	.....	2 10
North Homestead	.....	2 25
South Homestead	.....	2 00
North Cheyenne	.....	2 25
South Cheyenne	.....	2 00
Independent	.....	2 25
Logan	.....	2 50
Eureka	.....	2 30
Walnut	.....	2 40
Clarence	.....	2 50
Buffalo	.....	2 60
Great Bend	.....	3 00
Lakin	.....	2 75
Comanche	.....	2 00
South Bend	.....	2 50
Liberty	.....	2 50
Pawnee Rock	.....	2 50

PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Stallions, 10 times amt of service. Horses 6 months old and over, 1st grade \$25, 2d \$18, 3d \$12; Colts \$5; Ponies \$10.

Neat Cattle 6 months old and over, 1st grade \$5, 2d \$4, 3d \$2; Feed cattle \$7; Work cattle \$20.

Mules and asses 6 months old and over, same as horses.

Jacks, same as stallions.

Sheep 6 months old and over, 20 cts.

Goats, same as sheep.

Farm implements, 1 present value.

Wagons, 1 present value.

Pleasure carriages of every description, 1 present value.

Watches, gold \$20, silver \$5.

Plate and jewelry, at judgment of the assessor.

Piano Fortes, \$100; Other musical instruments \$20.

All interest on Bonds of the United States; all Bonds and Int't on bonds of any State, County, District or Municipality; all other Bonds not exempt from taxation; Stocks in any Company or Corporation; Shares in National Banks; Monies; Average amount of Merchant's Stock, Merchant's Monies and Credits, Manufacturer's Stock, Manufacturer's Monies and Credits for preceding year; Tax Sale Certificates; Judgments; Notes; Mortgages, 50 cents on the dollar.

Aggregate value of all other Personal Property, at judgment of assessor.

On motion adjourned.

C. D. MONTGOMERY, Chairman.

T. O. COLE, Secretary.

## Notes on the Dog.

As we remarked, the dog is always awake. This is no tale, though he carries one in his wake.

The sea dog loves his bark. Did you ever see dog that didn't?

The dog's head is the place where the bark comes from. We asked a dog and the dog said so.

The head of the dog has a dog-head look.

The bark of a tree is unlike the bark of a dog. Even a dog wood know this.

Dogs are always kind, though there are many kinds of dogs.

Every dog has his day, although dog days last but a few days in the year.

There must be a Sirius error here.

The dog's star is the dog's planet.

They planet so that their days come while the star is in the sky.

They do not fear it. It is a sky terror. When a dog enters a pitched battle he uses the dog's "tar."

There are a great many fish stories about dogs. The dogger-el is not a dog-fish, however.

Although a wail often follows it. Brutus said: "I had rather be a dog and bay the moon than such a Roman."

He had seen the dogs roamin' around on the bay.

They never got over the bay. Seal!

The Jews consider the dog unclean. And yet a dog will clean out a crowd no matter how dirty.

But the dog Spitz.

A living dog is said to be better than a dead lion. There is no lyn' about this, but a dead dog is dog gone bad.

Tray was a good dog, but trays is worse than the deuce when it is against you.

The bull dog is a stubborn fellow. He is not easily cowed.

Of course the gentler sex is the more stubborn of the two. You have heard of the dog-ma.

A great many stories of the dog have obtained currency. The man who has left a part of his clothing with the dog has cur rent. See!

Puppies are born blind. They are not see dogs then.

There are many types of dogs, including the doggerotype.

The dog has four legs, two of them fore legs.

But perhaps we had better paws here. How! this do for the dog?

## SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

—The South Atlantic university to be built by the Presbyterian synods comprising the states of North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, at a cost of \$500,000, will be located at Augusta, Ga.

A Chicago school-boy received a box on the ear from his teacher and was deaf in that organ for three weeks. A school teacher in Montreal was recently fined twenty-five dollars for the same offense.

—The reported expenditure for domestic missions of the Episcopal church for the year ending September, 1891, was \$291,403, of which gross sum \$42,000 was expended for work among the colored people. The gross receipts for domestic missions for the fiscal year were \$251,407.

—Since the partition of Africa the governments of England, Germany, Italy and Portugal have made an agreement for the reciprocal protection of their missionaries in the dark continent. Armed with a passport from the government to which they belong the missionaries will enjoy the protection of each of these powers.

—New York city, with a population of 1,700,000, has more than 500 school departments, 4,200 teachers, an average attendance of 160,000 pupils daily, and a total attendance of 200,000. The salaries of teachers, janitors and employees now aggregate over \$3,000,000, and the expenditure for the schools yearly exceed considerably \$4,000,000.

—Among